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Talked to Frank Reeder, OMB, during the week on H. R. 12206. OMB's Legislative Counsel studied the latest draft of the bill and felt it was much too complex. As a result, the subcommittee agreed to attempt to simplify it and is redoing the bill. Therefore, our deadline has slipped and we don't owe OMB a letter on our views until next week.

██████████ wanted to review the bill and had several problems. ██████████ typed a memo on his views, and ██████████ was going to raise them with ██████████. Because of several other things I had to do, I let ██████████ handle this.

██████████ mentioned possible problems involving section (d)(5) and I spoke with ██████████ OP, about this section. We do maintain political and religious information occasionally in employment applications, but don't solicit it. One question in the application asks for an applicant's clubs and organizations and often applicants list religious or political clubs. Also, we do inquire about Communist ties and this is political. Under the strict language of the bill, we would be maintaining this information in violation of the Act. Perhaps you will want to focus on this problem in a letter to Reeder.

Sorry this is not nice and clean for your return, but the crush around here and the Bar exam prevented me from spending much time with it.

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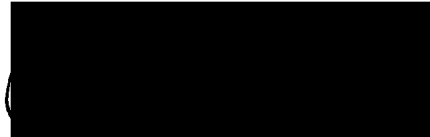
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16. (Internal Use Only - DFM) Called Frank Reeder, OMB, regarding H. R. 12206 which would allow an individual access to records on him maintained by the Government. Reeder said OMB's Legislative Counsel had looked at the latest committee version and thought it was much too complex. The subcommittee agreed to attempt to revise the bill to eliminate the complexity while maintaining the present substance. Reeder said OMB is opposing section (d)(5) which prohibits agencies from maintaining political or religious information on U.S. citizens. This is one of the few provisions which is applicable to the Agency. I expressed our reservations on this section and agreed to include them in a letter to OMB next week.

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